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In re Patent Application of )  
Joel S. DOUGLAS et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
Application No.: 09/875,297 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: June 7, 2001 )  
For: DEVICE FOR DETERMINATION )  
OF AN ANALYTE IN A BODY )  
FLUID )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

After the last page of the disclosure, please add the Abstract attached hereto as a separate sheet.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please add the following new claims:*

19. (New) A method of making a strip for testing for the presence or concentration of an analyte in a fluid comprising:
- providing a support member with a capillary;

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